ORDER OF SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021

PRELUDE Brad Slocum

CALL TO WORSHIP Rola Al Ashkar
The glory of God shines
like a consuming fire.
The voice of God thunders
like a mighty storm.
Out of the cloud, God speaks,
and we lift our voices in thanksgiving.
Let us worship God!

SONG OF PRAISE Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION Rola
God alone is righteous;
God alone is perfect;
God alone is judge.
Yet this holy, righteous God
comes to us in love, to save us.
Rejoicing in God’s grace,
let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Our God comes and does not keep silence;
God speaks to us with grace and love,
saying: You are my beloved child.

This is the good news of the gospel:
In Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE
As our Lord gives peace to us, let us share this peace with each other saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”
**And also with you.**
Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rola

CHILDREN’S TIME TO SHINE
Rola

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Marc Narlesky
Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
2 Kings 2:1-14
Marc

ANTHEM
Spirit, Open My Heart

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Mark 9:2-9
Pastor Wes

SERMON
Preview to a Resurrection

SONG
Lord, We Seek Your Face

FAITH JOURNEY REFLECTION
Carol Merritt

PRAYERS FOR WESTMINSTER AND THE WORLD
Marc
THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
God is our rock and our fortress.
Let us celebrate our salvation
by fearlessly giving a portion
of what has already been given to us.

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you would give us courage to live as your disciples.

SONG
Don’t You Know It’s Time to Praise the Lord

BENEDICTION
Wes

CHARGE
Marc

POSTLUDE
Brad